

HOUSE BILL 2873

By Moore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to training and compensation of election
officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-108, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

2-4-108.

(a) The coordinator of elections shall create minimum standards for educating election officials throughout the state for use by the county election commissions. Such standards shall include instructing election officials as to their duties during an election and educating the officials about the election laws of this state.

(b) Within thirty (30) days before each election there shall be held in each county, under the direction of the county election commission, at least one (1) instructional meeting for the purpose of training election officials as to their duties during an election. Such meeting shall at a minimum meet the standards created pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) The officials for each polling place shall attend such meeting and shall receive, for the time spent in receiving such instructions and qualifying to serve at an election by taking the oath, the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) which is to be paid only if they serve in the election. The compensation may be increased by resolution of the county legislative body.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the county election commission may limit attendance at instructional meetings to only those persons who are inexperienced or otherwise need such training. However, election officials for each

polling place shall attend the training provided pursuant to subsection (a) in order to be eligible for the compensation provided under § 2-4-109(b).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-109, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

2-4-109.

(a) Officers of elections, judges, machine operators, and inspectors shall be paid for their services on election day a minimum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Compensation for such persons shall be paid as soon as possible after the election. The compensation may be increased by the county legislative body.

(b)

(1) In addition to the compensation provided in subsection (a), each county election commission shall be eligible for the following reimbursement amounts from the state to compensate election officials during the voting period for the regular August election, the regular November election and any federal election:

(A) Each county with under ten thousand (10,000) active registered voters shall be eligible for three thousand dollars (\$3,000);

(B) Each county with ten thousand one (10,001) to twenty thousand (20,000) active registered voters shall be eligible for five thousand dollars (\$5,000);

(C) Each county with twenty thousand one (20,001) to fifty thousand active registered voters shall be eligible for seven thousand dollars (\$7,000); and

(D) Each county with more than fifty thousand voters (50,000) shall be eligible for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(2) All compensation paid by a county election commission under this subsection (b) to election officials shall be paid out of the state treasury upon the certification of the chair and secretary of the county election commission to the secretary of state; provided, that the secretary of state shall review the claim and only those items certified by the secretary of state to the comptroller of the treasury shall be paid.

(3) It is the intent of the general assembly that any compensation provided for in subsection (b) be in addition to any compensation currently paid by the county under subsection (a).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.